"BEAUTY UNADORED", SPECIAL VITAGRAPH PICTURE IN TWO PARTS "IN THE ELEMENTAL WORLD" AND PATHE WEEKLY--LYRIC TONIGHT

# THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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## FIRST NATIONAL BANK INVITES INSPECTION

### Beautiful New Counting Rooms Open to Public Tomorrow Evening

### HOURS FROM 7:30 TO 9

### Ladies in Particular Are Invited--Music and Souvenirs a Feature

Tomorrow, Thursday evening between the hours of 7:30 and 9 o'clock, the beautiful new counting rooms of the First National Bank of Charleroi at the corner of McKean avenue and Fifth street, will be thrown open for inspection of the public. Every one is cordially invited particularly the ladies, and the officials are arranging to make the reception as pleasant as possible. Music and souvenirs will be a feature, and every courtesy will be extended the visitors in showing them through the various departments of the handsome new home of the institution.

During the past summer and fall extensive and complete improvements have been in progress on the building of the First National which has been completely reconstructed and modernized both inside and out. These improvements are now virtually completed and the reception tomorrow evening to the public is planned as a housewarming, previous to occupying the new quarters. While the improvements were in progress the First National occupied the Ross building at 411 McKean avenue

Many new features have been added to the interior in the way of modern and up to date equipment, which are of interest, and all these will be shown and explained to the visitors. One of the marvels of modern invention is the new burglar and fire proof vault doors and locks that have been installed. It is expected that F. L. Norton of the York Safe and Lock company, which installed the equipment, will give a demonstration of lock mechanism and safe and vault construction.

The completeness and beauty of the interior furnishings and decorations will also be features of interest to the public and in addition to a cordial invitation every facility will be extended in making a complete inspection of the handsome new quarters of the First National.

### SPECIAL PICTURES AT THE LYRIC THEATRE

"Beauty Unadorned," a special Vitagraph picture in two parts will be produced at the Lyric theatre tonight. Commodore Blunt and Mrs. Preston cherish hope of an alliance between their children. Contrary to expectations the young people fall in love with others. A yacht trip is arranged for all, during which time the duplicity of the ones loved by young Blunt and the young Miss Preston is shown. The couple then fall in love all over again with each other, as intended. "In the Elemental World," a Biograph picture will show how a man and wife lost in a forest, steal to save themselves, and how atonement is made. The Pathe weekly showing events from all parts of the world is also to be a part of tonight's program.

## Club Saving Is Popular

### Charleroi Savings & Trust Co. Note Big Increase in Christmas Savings

Provisions for handling 1,500 Christmas Savings Funds, in accordance with the plans carried out last year and the year before, at the Charleroi Savings and Trust company have proven inadequate to meet the demand. Within three days after the savings club was opened for this year the entire 1,500 deposits had been started. The demand has been such that had provisions been made 500 more could have been handled. The Christmas Savings club has grown very rapidly. Last year there were 1,000 depositors and the total amount paid out at Christmas time was $25,000.

## ORGANIZE TO START CAMPAIGN

### New Board of Health to Fight For Sanitation and Health

### OSCAR LINN PRESIDENT

Plans are being laid by the newly appointed board of health of Charleroi for an active campaign in the borough in the interests of health and sanitation. Though appointment of the board was made only Monday by the new council, the board has already effected an organization, and proceeded to business.

Oscar C. Linn, former councilman has been elected president of the board with Dr. A. O. Davis, secretary. A special committee has been appointed consisting of J. O'Neil and W. F. Hennings, to co-operate with the health officer in the enforcement of the health and sanitation laws.

Arrangements have been made to hold another meeting on Friday night. At this time it is stated the election of a health officer will take place. W. M. Darby is the present health officer. He has served efficiently for a number of years and is a candidate for re-election.

### MONON'S CITY BUDGET IS ESTIMATED TO BE $25.000

The council of Monongahela has submitted an annual budget of expenses for the ensuing year, and the estimate approximates $25,000, apportioned as follows: Department of public affairs, $238; public safety, $1,918.78; streets and public improvements, $2,681; parks and public improvements, $20, 128.65. Total, $24,966.43. Monongahela is under the government of a city of the third classes.

## PROGRAM READY FOR DEDICATION OF NEW SCHOOL

### Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Dr. J. D. Moffat and Prof. C. B. Robertson to Speak at Formal Opening on Friday Night

Final preparations are being made for the dedication of the new Charleroi high school building on Crest avenue and Sixth street to take place on Friday evening of this week. The occasion will be a notable one in the school history of Charleroi, owing partly to the presence of some of the most noted educators in the country. Arrangements are being made to handle a large crowd. Exercises will be held in the main auditorium of the new school beginning at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction will be the chief speaker of the occasion, according to plans now completed. Dr. James D. Moffitt, president of Washington and Jefferson college, who is an educator of note, will speak. Completing the list will be Dr. C. B. Robertson of the University of Pittsburg who has spoken in Charleroi before and who is a favorite with Charleroi audiences.

There will be a good musical program rendered in charge of Prof. I. T. Daniel, musical supervisor in the public schools and Miss Frances Corter, who is his assistant in the Junior high school. Prof. Daniel will direct a high school girls' chorus that will sing. Miss Corter will direct a glee club from the Junior high school. Prof. Charles Dobson, vocal instructor at the California Normal will be the soloist for the occasion.

Introductory remarks will be made by W. D. Pollock, president of the school board. All the members of the board are expected to have places on the stage. Rev. J. T. Hackett will make the opening prayer and Rev. E. N. Duty will pronounce the benediction.

The new school building will be opened for inspection at 7 o'clock on the evening of dedication and a general invitation is extended to all to visit the building and attend the dedication. The dedication will be free. Prof. Thomas L. Pollock, superintendent of schools has been in charge of the arrangements for the dedication, assisting the school board.

One of the features of the dedication will be the presentation of a flag by the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Patriotic Order of Sons of America.

The presentation speech will be made by Benjamin Ross of Monongahela, who has been a high official in the order. Streamers to the flag will be presented by the Charleroi Veterans' Guard, which is composed of veterans of the Civil war.

The building has not been entirely completed yet, and the gymnasium has not been fitted up as it will be later. However, classes are being held every day. The new teachers in high school are in service, Miss Evelyn B. Smith and Harvey O. Chalfant. The latter was elected when W. R. Morris resigned. Mr. Morris, never began his work here. He was to have started his duties at the beginning of school after the holiday vacation but had resigned before that time.

Prof. S. R. Grimm is the principal of high school. The corps of teachers and the subjects they teach are as follows: Prof. Grom, Latin; W. E. Lorimer, English; Miss Evelyn B. Smith, history and Latin; Miss Mary Walters, German and English; U. C. Ramsey, science; Harvey O. Chalfant, mathematics; C. E. Presho, bookkeeping, penmanship and arithmetic; Miss Zella Franks, shorthand and typewriting.

The principal of the Junior high school is Miss Ida Hugg. The corps of teachers is as follows: Miss Hugg, civics, writing and spelling; Miss Rosetta Rodgers, geography and nature study; Miss Margaret Baird, English; Miss Mina Houseman, mathematics; Miss Etta Work, history and civics; Miss Frances Corter, physiolog yand music.

At the new high school building special attention is given to specialty work. The classes move from room to room and their lessons are taught by teachers who specialize. This is a progressive feature that has not been attained by many schools in Western Pennsylvania.

One of the features of school work that is an evidence of the progressiveness is the teaching of sewing as a part of domestic science. The teacher is Miss Gertrude McKee, who is sent out by the University of Pittsburg.

## FEW FATALITIES OF PASSENGERS ON PENNSYLVANIA

Reports to the general office indicate that not a single passenger out of 111,000,000 carried by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in 1913 was killed in a train accident.

Reports for the past six years show that almost 600,000,000 pasengers, more than one-third of the whole world's population—have been carried by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and but sixteen of them lost their lives in accidents to trains; nine were killed in one accident. In six years, out of approximately 5,000,000 trains operated—about 1,370 a day—only five have suffered wrecks which caused the death of any of the passengers carried on them. Three of these years were entirely free from train accidents causing the death of passengers.

## CENTRAL TRADES COUNCIL ELECTS YENRS OFFICERS

The regular election of officers of the local Central Trades Council was held at the Labor Temple in the Mail building Wednesday evening. Leroy Bruce was elected president and R. J. Lysle secretary-treasurer. A large attendance was present. The officers were duly installed and committees appointed.

One of the matters acted upon was arrangements for the reception of President Maurer of the State Federation of Labor, who is expected to speak here some time in February. Efforts are also on foot to have Miss Sullins, a woman speaker of Pittsburg, make an address at the same time

Mrs. Oscar Carson is visiting her brother, W. C. Johnson at California.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOME LOSS WILL BE HEAVY

## Plan Live Bird Shoot

### Albert Bakewell and Amos Smith to Engage in Contest Here Saturday

A match shoot between two target experts will take place on Saturday afternoon at the Charleroi Athletic park, when Albert Bakewell, of South Brownsville and Amos Smith of New England will contest in a five bird shoot. Both are crack shots. The shoot will be conducted after the plan of one conducted in Charleroi early in October. It is anticipated that lovers of good shooting will be attracted to Charleroi from all along the valley to attend the affair.

## FIRST MAN DISCHARGED BY BURGESS

### Hearing Only Brief and Woodward Lives Up to Intentions

### DRUNKENESS IS CHARGE

The first man to face S. L. Woodward was a fortunate individual. Acting on his originally announced intention the new burgess discharged him. The man was John Sablak, a railroader who was arrested for drunkeness this morning. He was given a hearing this morning.

The customary question of guilty or not guilty was asked John, who seemed to have a disposition to grin. Then he was informed it wouldn't make a whole lot of difference, as he had not fractured any law to any great extent. "You are discharged" said Burgess Woodward.

When arrested John had a bunch of keys and ten cents. On Tuesday night there were eight sleepers at the lockup, who said they could not obtain work.

### BIG SHOW AT THE COYLE TOMORROW

Look over this program for tomorrow, Coyle Theatre. Little Mary Pickford in "An Unwelcome Guest," Biograph Drama. King Baggott in "Mr. and Mrs. Innocence Abroad," Imp Drama. Florence Lawrence in "A Girl and Her Money," a two-reel Victor drama and "Two Cowards," Lubin Comedy.

If you like good pictures don't miss this show.

Coming Saturday, Warren Kerrigen in "Rory of the Bogs." 149-t1

### Marriage License.

A marriage license has been granted to Harry Joseph Repman of Charleroi and Miss Della Grace Zeilafro, of Rixford.

### Dwelling of Mathew Cowell Consumed by Flames

### ORIGINATES IN REAR

### Conflagration Starts Either in Kitchen or the Bathroom

The dwelling of Matthew Cowell on Shady avenue near Fourth street was gutted by fire and the contents destroyed Tuesday evening shortly after 7 o'clock. The loss it is estimated will be between $3,000 and $4,000, partly covered by insurance on both the building and contents. When the fire started in the rear of the house, Mr. Cowell was at work, and other members of the family were down street.

The cause of the fire is not known. It started either in the kitchen or the bathroom from evidences. When discovered by H. Hannen the flames had gained considerable headway. Fire alarm No. 34 was turned in immediately and the firemen were prompt in arriving but itwas impossible to save the house.

One thing that interferred with the successful combating of the conflagration which the firemen found upon their arrival on the scene had broken out in all parts of the house, was the low water pressure. Attention had to be given to controlling the flames which burned holes in the roof. Also attention had to be given to the protection of houses nearby.

By the time the fire was controlled the partitions had been eaten in holes in numerous places by the flames, and the floors weakened to such extent that it was dangerous to enter. The whole interior was so damaged that it will be nearly impossible to renovate without entirely rebuilding.

Mr. Cowell is employed at the Henderson Coal mine at East Charleroi. Temporarily the Cowell family will be cared for by neighbors until they get a home.

## RODENTS KILLED BY HUNDREDS IN RAT CONTEST

There are just 3,783 rats less in West Alexander and vicinity as the result of a war on the rodents waged by rival factions during the past 15 days. The hunt came to a close Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

There were 25 members on each of the teams, one side being composed of residents living north of the National pike and the other made up of persons living on the south side of the pike. The southsiders captained by Charles McKelvey, who had S. O. Armstrong and Roy Chambers as assistants, were victorious, having 2,123 tails to present. The northsiders led by James McMurray with John Ely and Wiley Strauss as assistants, caught 1,660 rats.

An oyster supper had been prepared and as soon as the winner had been decided by the counting of the tails, the rivals repaired to the Lafayette hotel to enjoy the bivalves that were served in every style.

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## WHAT THE SAVINGS INDICATE.

The avidity with which the 1,500 Christmas savings funds accounts were taken at the Charleroi Savings and Trust company is a good index of the prosperity of Charleroi and the surrounding industrial community. While there may be certain persons who profess to believe that dire poverty, distress and industrial slavery exists about the industrial communities of the state, the records of the local banks as well as those of the entire commonwealth tell a different story. Last year $25,000 was saved in Christmas funds in one institution here, which is but a small portion of the regular savings funds of the three banks of the town.

This condition is further verified by the annual report of William H. Smith, state commissioner of banking. This report shows that the savings departments of the state banks, and trust companies which are under the supervision of the state—not including the national banks, which are under federal supervision—increased in deposits from $350,135,838 during the year to $387,220,736 a gain of $37,084,897. Counting 8,000,000 people in Pennsylvania, this shows a per capita savings of $48.40 for every man, woman and child in the state. The gain per capita during the year was $4.63, and the gain in the number of depositors was 181,136. Altogether there were 2,181,764 depositors in the state banking institutions during the year.

Further evidence of prosperity and thrift is shown in the figures on postal savings, for the increase in such deposits in state institutions was $119,880. When account is taken of the savings deposited in national banks, in building and loan societies, co-operative associations and other forms of investment, it will readily be seen that poverty and distress, if it does exist in the state to any great extent, is not general. When more than one-fourth of the people of the state, including adults and children, have $48.40 their credit, there is little satisfaction for the gloom in formulating hard luck stories.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

Reasons why the railroads of the country are asking to be permitted to advance freight rates may be easily seen in the reports of 96 per cent. of the railways lines of the United States for 1913," says the Harrisburg Telegraph. "The gross earnings show an increase of $[illegible], or 4.4 per cent over those of the year before but despite this the net earnings of the same roads show a decrease of $17,000,000 [illegible] per cent.

"[illegible] the high cost of [illegible] that is manifest in every [illegible] of business has made itself felt in the operations of the railroads. Prices of commodities of all kinds have risen, but railroad rates have not. The [illegible] hold that they cannot go on doing more business every year, making extensions and providing better service with constantly decreasing net earnings. They therefore ask to be permitted to do what other businesses do without asking—increase rates."

## ELECTRIC SPARKS

Sometimes—?
The man who says he doesn't owe it.
Sometimes—
Gets hot.
The man who says he does owe it.
Sometimes—
Gets naught.
The man who runs a motor boat.
Sometimes—
Gets got.
The man who crosses now the moat.
Sometimes—
Gets shot.
The man who tries to get a goat.
Sometimes—
Gets caught.
The man who thinks he is a poet.
—Sometimes—
Is not.

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At what seems to be the present rate of travel, it is estimated it should take one day to get a letter from New York, one week from Pittsburg, a month from Monongahela, and one hour to receive a Congressional speech freely franked from Washington, D. C.

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About the first thing a jury usually does is endanger its reputation.

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Lena Cavalieri is reported to be very fond of spaghetti. That is not what makes American audiences fond of her.

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The weight of the earth is estimated to be 6,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons That includes milionaires.

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A good memory is something that enables us to remember what to forget.—Philadelphia Record.

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Take the fiscal year out of business and there wouldn't be the shell.

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It is supposed, from past experience that the sun comes around every day even if we don't get to see it.

## PICKED UP IN PASSING

A resident who was active in politics in Pittsburg before coming to Charleroi relates an amusing experience which occurred years ago when he was attending as a delegate a convention of political clubs in Philadelphia.

"At the hotel in Philadelphia," says the narrator, "I fell in with three or four delegates from another part of the state, and after a chat I suggested that we take a glass of beer. We repaired to the bar room, lined up and were served. Drinking my beer I reached in my pocket and drew out a dollar bill which I shoved toward the bartender in payment. He took the bill, examined it gingerly and shoved it back toward me.

"'Can't take that,' he said, 'it's counterfeit.'

"I was sure that the bill was all right, but said nothing, and again reaching down in my pocket I drew out a silver dollar I happened to have and threw it out on the counter. Again the bartender examined the money critically and shoving it back said:

"'Can't take that either. It's counterfeit.'

"Still determined not to 'chew the rag' I fished out my roll from my inside pocket that I had drawn from the bank at home when I started on the trip, and skinning off a two dollar bill tendered it to the bartender in payment.

"'Can't take it,' he exclaimed determinedly. 'It's counterfeit.'

"Then I exploded. 'What do you mean?' I demanded, 'by standing there and deliberately insulting me? Do you take me for a wholesale counterfeiter and crook? All that money was good and you know it. If you don't you're not fit to hold your job.'

"'There, there, brother,' said one of my companions tapping me on the shoulder, 'don't you know that you can't pay for anything at this bar today? Everything has been fixed for the delegates.'

"Then I took a tumble, and looked sheepishly at the bartender, who grinned as he queried:

"'Will you have another?'"

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"I was greatly impressed with a profit sharing scheme I saw put into effect in Washington, D. C. the day after New Year's," said a traveling man who was in Charleroi during the week. "By this scheme nearly a thousand employes of the Washington Street Railway company were given a share of the company's surplus earnings during the past year. Altogether $30,000 was distributed in this manner. Motormen and conductors who had been in the service at one month got $2.55 each. Those in service more than a year got $12.50."

## WHERE THE CHILDREN OBEY

### Courtesy to the Elders Universal in That Country, Makes the German Home Ideal.

As a rule German children of all classes are treated as children and taught the elementary virtue of obedience. Das Recht des Kindes is a new cry with some of the people, but nevertheless Germany is one of the few remaining civilized countries where the elders still have rights and privileges. I heard of an English woman the other day who said that she had never eaten the wing of a chicken, because when she was young it was always given to the older people, and now that she was old it was saved for the children. If she lived in Germany she would still have a chance, provided she kept away from a small loud set, who in all matters of education and morality would like to turn the world upside down.

In most German homes the noisy, spoilt American child would not be endured for a moment, and the little tyrant of a French family would be taught its place to the comfort and advantage of all concerned. I have dined with a large family where eight young ones of various ages sat at an overflow table and did not disturb their elders by a sound. It was not because the elders were harsh or the young folks repressed, but because Germany teaches its youth to behave.

The little girls still drop you a pretty old-fashioned courtesy when they greet you. The little boys, if you are staying in the house with them, come and shake hands at unexpected times—when they arrive from school, for instance, and before they go out for a walk. They play the same games as English children and I need hardly say that they are brought up on the same fairy stories, because many of our favorites come from Germany.—From "Home Life in Germany," by Mrs. Alfred Sidgwick.

## HAD LAID AWAY THE BANJO

### Old Darky Found His Talents Brought Him Into Grave Danger, and He Fled

Senator John Sharp Williams tells of a "character" in a southern state known as "the best banjo player anywhere." It followed, therefore, that when a lady in the town whereof this instrumentalist is a resident wished to show some northern visitors just what a genuine old darky could do with a banjo she called at Uncle Henry's little cabin and stated her wishes to his wife.

"I is very sorry, missy," said the wife, "but Henry he ain't playin' de banjo any mo'." She then indicated the spot where the instrument lay covered with dust. "He jes' puts in all his time fishin' now."

"What led him to give up his playing?" asked the visitor. "Has he got religion?"

"No, missy, dat wuthless nigger ain't got no religion. No, missy; he's done got skeered."

"Scared? Of what?"

"By dat minstrel show, honey. De boss of dat show he hearn de ole man playin', an' he offers him a stidy job doin' it. Yassum, an' it skeered Henry so bad dat he quit banjo playin right away."

### Joy of Neighborliness.

With the aid of the waves of ether, transmuted or translated into waves of sound for those who have not eyes, or into light for those who have not ears, we may find neighbors where there is greatest need, or where our noblest need is best fulfilled. Mobility, transmissibility, are they not to bring mankind nearer, if not into, the higher kingdom, even as they brought the vegetable to be an animal, to approach, and then to enter its next kingdom?—John H. Finley, in the Atlantic.

### Fine Point.

"I thought that in the fifteen years of my practice of medicine," said a physician, "I had answered almost every possible foolish question, but a new one was sprung on me recently. A young man came in with an inflamed eye, for which I prescribed liniment—to be dropped into the eye three times a day. He left the surgery, but returned in a few minutes, poked his head in the in the doorway and asked, 'Shall I drop this in the eye before meals or after?'"

## STRONG DEFENSE OF HER SEX

### Miss Hulda Nutt Proves by Anecdote That Men Are Just as Foolish as the Women.

"It certainly does make me weary, all these innuendoes in the funny papers about the women. One would think by some of the supposedly facetious jokes that we girls didn't have enough intelligence to keep out of the home for the feeble minded," remarked Hulda Nutt to her sister, Ima, as she pointed to an illustration in the evening paper.

"Now here, for instance, is a rehashed story about a bridegroom carrying a basket, approaching a narrow creek. He turns to his simple minded bride—I judge she must have been simple or she never would have married him—and he offers to carry her across the stream. This egotistical male jokesmith has the bride make the inane reply, 'But you can't carry both me and the lunch basket. We would be too heavy. You carry me and I will carry the lunch basket.'

"As a matter of fact that foolish chestnut was first recorded about an old man with a basket of eggs and a commendably humane heart who, as he boarded the street car, observed that the arched necks and cruelly docked tails of the two decrepit horses in front, bespoke a sadly contrasting prosperity in their remote youth. The old man's tender heart was touched at the pitiful sight, and as he took his seat in the car he gently lifted the basket of eggs out the window and held them there all the way of his journey to make the burden lighter for the poor horses. So you see, Ima," she added with an emphatic nod of her head, "the men are every bit as foolish as the women, if not more so."

## SETTLED THE JUDGE'S DOUBTS

### Naive Statement of Convicted Murderer Removed All Question as to His Guilt.

When Judge Stewart of Vermont presided at the trial of a negro charged with murder of another of his race he admitted afterward to friends that he had serious doubts of the prisoner's guilt until he began to pronounce sentence.

The negro had pleaded not guilty and repeatedly, on being questioned, had asserted with much emphasis, "I didn't do it!" The evidence was not convincing, and the judge was surprised when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. His doubts vanished, when, after reminding the negro that he had been tried by a jury of 12 men, etc., he said "It is my duty to warn you that your days on earth are numbered, and it behooves you to avail yourself of the little remnant of time allotted to you to make peace with God."

Just there the negro broke in with the exclamation, "Ah done dat already, jedge, befo' Ah went out ter kill dat niggah!"

### Many Old People in Berlin.

According to statistics just published Berlin appears to be an extraordinarily healthful place for the aged, who live there in remarkably large numbers. A feature of the figures is the much greater number of old women in proportion to old men, and with every decade above seventy the proportion increases astonishingly. In Berlin the number of men between seventy and eighty is 12,898, while the number of women is 25,204. For Greater Berlin the figures are 20,049 and 37,520 respectively. Of persons between eighty and ninety women are in an enormous majority. For Berlin the figures are 2,036 men and 5,371 women and for Greater Berlin 3,169 men and 7,810 women. Berlin has a large number of nonagenarians, and of these three out of every four are women. In Greater Berlin there are 364 women who have passed their ninetieth birthday, but only 111 men.

### Moving Picture Animals.

A jungle of several acres, inhabited by wild animals of all countries, many of which are already well trained for the parts they are to play as motion picture actors, is maintained near Los Angeles by one of the big American film-producing companies. It is intended to extend the acreage and accommodations until the motion picture jungle will form the largest single collection of wild animals in the world, and within it will be, and now are, enacted many stirring scenes. A big elephant named "Toddles" is, for instance, the star performer in a film catalogued as "Lost in the Jungle," in which Toddles, during his wanderings in the forest, finds the heroine lying exhausted on the ground, and, kneeling, lifts her to his back and gallantly carries her to safety. All the animals are as conscientiously trained to do acts for the motion picture camera as are the trained animals of a circus.

### Unpretentious Royal Abode.

King Charles of Roumania has seen many changes, largely effected by himself, in his Balkan kingdom since he arrived there in 1866 after an adventurous journey in disguise from Germany. Notable among them are the changes in his capital and in his own palace. When he made his triumphal entry as the country's new prince the carriage reached a house before which a guard of honor was stationed. "What house is that?" he asked. "That is the palace," replied General Goleski. The prince, thinking he had misunderstood him, said: "Where is the palace?" And the general was so embarrassed that he could only point silently to the one-storied building. The principal feature of the view from the windows on one side was a gypsy encampment, with swine wallowing in the main road before the palace.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Now Going On

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| $4 Woolen Blankets | $2.25 | 25c Heavy Flannelette Skirts | 19c |
| Men's Wool Sweaters | 2.[illegible] | 50c Men's Ribbed Underwear | 39c |
| Children's Flannelette Gowns Small size only | 25c | $3.00 Comforts, Large Size | $2.25 |
| $1.25 Percale Dresses | [illegible]c | 19c Curtain Scrims | 12½c |
| | | $15 Room Size Rugs | $10.99 |

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## FAULT FINDING WAS HIS JOY

### Momus, God of Mockery, Was Banished From Heaven for Criticising Work of the Immortals.

Have you ever heard a grumbler called a Momus?

Momus, in Greek legend, was the god of mockery, whose chief joy in existence was to find fault with mortals and immortals as well when the occasion offered.

Upon one occasion Neptune, Minerva and Vulcan contested the point as to which was the best artist, and Momus was appointed to sit in judgment upon their respective merits.

Neptune made a bull in his best style, Minerva fashioned a house, Vulcan made a man.

Momus decided that Vulcan's man was not perfect because he had neglected to put a window in his chest so that his creature's thoughts could be read by all who wished to know of what he was thinking. Minerva's house did not suit him because it was bors tried to peer in. Nptune's bull, be shifted out of the way when trouble threatened or meddlesome neighbors tried to peer in." Neptune's bull said Momus, was very imperfect because its horns were too near the front of its head.

So furious were the gods at his decisions upon their best work that they banished him from heaven. Shortly afterward, it is said, Momus died of a broken heart because he could find no flaw in the peerless beauty of Venus.

## ANT EATERS EAT WAY BILLS

### Also Destroy Office Stationery, and in General Make Life a Burden to Express Agent.

A brace of armadillos (ant eaters), from some point in South America, came to the Wells-Fargo express office in this city two weeks ago, addressed to "Harry Crawford," Jefferson City. There is no person of that name in the city.

The animals have been an unending source of trouble to the agent, Edward McKenna. They escaped from their box one night, and after playfully chewing up all the way bills, stationery, and everything else that was loose in the office, they got down to the basement and burrowed so deep that, in digging them out, one was injured so badly it died.

Since then the other has been disconsolate, and has repeatedly tried to get away. It succeeded, finally, and several men had to dig for it under the building in which the express office is located.

McKenna says that as express matter armadillos are worse than the guinea pigs made famous in Ellis Parker Butler's story, "Pigs Is Pigs."—Jefferson City Dispatch to St. Louis Republic

### Undaunted Lover.

"Muriel!" said the old gentleman, sharply, "that young man you had in the parlor last night is dull of comprehension. All I had to do was cough when the other chaps remained too late, and they would take the hint and depart. Did this one say anything when I coughed last night?" "Yes," replied the beautiful daughter; "he said the next time he called he was going to bring you some cough-drops."

### Need Care of Home.

A Philadelphia physician who enjoys a handsome practice and excellent hospital connections told me an interesting although terrible thing. About 90 per cent. out of every 100 babies that are sent to hospitals for bringing up die. The death rate among such unfortunates is seven times as great as with infants who have the immediate care of mothers. Truly there is something needed in a child's life besides food, shelter and clothing.—Philadelphia Record.

### Compressed Sponges.

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## NORTH CHARLEROI

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bosworth and baby have returned from Pittsburg.

Edward Geho of Pittsburg and William Geho of Rices Landing spent Sunday with their parents.

Mrs. John Sager was a recent visitar at Castle Shannon.

Howard Planton who is employed at Brownsville spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Planton.

Wilford Scott has returned to Blithedale after visiting friends.

Miss Ruth Geho was at Belle Vernon.

## GRIPPE PREVALENT

### How to Regain Strength After a Severe Attack.

With so much grippe prevalent this winter a few words of advice regarding its cause and treatment will not be out of place.

Grippe is an infectious disease easily taken when the system is in a tired or run-down condition.

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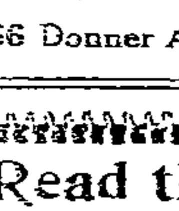

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## THEIR WEAPON OF DEFENSE

### Mysterious Provision of Nature in the Case of Grasshoppers and Other Small Insects.

Everyone has been startled, on seizing a grasshopper, by having the animal throw off a quantity of "tobacco-juice" from his mouth. Many insects throw off quantities of juice in this manner when they are attacked, some from the mouth, some from the "joints" on the abdomen, some from special points on the head or other parts of the body. The juice thus ejected is generally some of the insect's blood and is a [illegible] discharge [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the prey altogether [illegible] it is likely in the case of these insects that emit an acrid or a poisonous fluid, as for example the "Spanish fly" or cantharides beetle. It is not to be supposed that this discharge is in any sense a voluntary act on the part of the insect; it is a direct response to certain kinds of disturbance. In this respect the action may be compared to "death-feigning" in insects and in other animals. In some insects, in which the juice is discharged from the soft parts of the abdominal segments, the juice is thrown off upon suitable stimulation even after the animal's head has been removed. This curious behavior is not confined to any one family of insects, but has been observed among several species of the grasshopper family, among ants, wasps and hornets, in members of the moth and butterfly family, in beetles, in true bugs and even among certain flies. The blood does not come to the surface through wounds caused by the disturbance; the opening is produced by a sudden increase in blood pressure, at points that are especially thin and yielding. The first effect of the disturbance is to cause certain muscles to contract, thus increasing the pressure in the blood, leading to the bursting of the special ejection spots.

## ROUSSEAU'S VIEWS ON LOVE

### Newly Discovered Letter Written to a Friend of the Philosopher Has Been Found.

A remarkable autograph letter of Jean Jacques Rousseau, showing in a vivid light his views on the subject of love, has just been made public in connection with the Rousseau centenary, and is considered by the critics to be an important addition to our knowledge of the great philosopher. The letter was written in 1759, the year in which "Nouvelle Heloise" was published, and is addressed to Deleyre, Comte de Croiseul's secretary, who had just become engaged to be married. It runs as follows:

"Dear Deleyre: You have made an idiotic mistake, for if you continue to love a promise is superfluous, while if you cease loving it is useless, and you may cause yourself the greatest embarrassment. But perhaps your promise has been paid for in spot cash. If so, I have nothing more to say. You have signed it with your blood. That is almost tragic. However, I do not know that the ink wherewith one writes makes any difference in the faith of the person who signs. I quite see that love makes children of philosophers, just as it does of the rest of us.

"Without being your friend, my dear Deleyre, I have a friendly feeling for you, and I am alarmed at your present condition. For heaven's sake, consider that love is only an illusion and that one sees nothing as it really is when one loves."

It is pointed out as showing a curious trait in Rousseau's character that the letter was written at Montmorency, in the house in which Madame Depiney, one of his admirers, had just built for him.

### Insisted Silk Was Changeable.

One of the large Kansas City stores owes its success, in a great measure, to its policy of exchanging goods if returned in a salable condition. An exception is made when dress materials have been cut from the bolt.

One day recently a customer purchased ten yards of a two-toned silk, which the clerk assured her was the most fashionable fabric of the season. When she reached home with her purchase she decided, on reflection, that a woolen material would be more serviceable.

Accordingly, she returned to the store the next day and requested the exchange. The clerk explained that it was an impossibility, as the goods had been cut.

"Why, I bought this with the distinct understanding," remonstrated the woman, "that I could return it. Did you not tell me it was a changeable taffeta?"

The exchange was made.

### Once at Least.

Addison Mizner, the noted viveur, told, during a visit to Atlantic City, a story about a beautiful young widow.

"In her white bathing suit," he said, "with her blond hair and her suppple grace, the widow is certainly not—ha, ha, ha—the widow is certainly not a-miss.

"Two show girls discussed her rather enviously as she glided past them in her rolling chair the other day.

"'She looks so demure,' said the first, 'and she is so rich and so beautiful—I wonder if she ever had a joy ride!'

"'Oh, I'm sure she had,' said the other show-girl, 'when she attended the sepulture of her octogenarian millionaire husband.'"

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## CONCRETE TO HOLD A RIVER

### Material Used to Patch Holes in Bed Through Which the Water Periodically Vanishes.

It has been found necessary to put another patch on the bed of the Blanco river, says the Martindale (Tex.) Dispatch. This stream has a remarkable way of losing itself, and in order to restore it to its surface channel, a concrete patch has been placed upon the holes through which it disappears.

For many years it has been emptying portions of its flow into small holes in its bed, but it was not until about a year ago that the entire bottom, so to speak, dropped out at a point near San Marcos.

In one night the river below that point went dry. It had had a width of nearly 200 feet and was flowing a strong current until the sudden disappearance of the water. The drying up of the stream meant heavy losses to persons dependent upon it for water supply.

Civil engineers were consulted in regard to restoring the flow, and it was decided to patch the hole into which the water was emptying. This was done at a heavy expense.

A few days ago the river wore another big hole through the bed twenty miles northeast of here and the same method of patching is being followed.

### For the Small Boy.

Small boys, step up and shake hands with this venerable gentleman. His name is Science, and he just has presented to the aching world the soothing assurance of a colicless cucumber. Don't see how that affects you? That shows that your mind has not been trained to carry a thought to its logical conclusion. Can't you understand that the advent of the colicless cucumber presages the coming of the crampless green apple?

With no fear of retributive stomach ache, care-free bands of youngsters, when that happy day arrives, can eat their fill of the spoil after they have overturned Giovanni's fruit stand and sped, laughing, a safe distance along the avenue. The immature peach when consumed will carry with it no moral pointing consequences.

Happy days are in store for childhood.

### Proclaimed Officially Dead.

At what age must a gentleman be proclaimed "officially dead?" The authorities of a German town have just "executed," in their absence, all those who left the fatherland for the United States in 1854. One of these pilgrims first saw the light in 1776, so whatever happened to him according to the flesh he has had an official existence 137 years.

## FASHIONS ROSEBUDS OF IRON

### New Jersey Blacksmith Probably the Most Skillful Metal Worker in the World.

Louis Van Boeckel, the blacksmith of a small Belgian hamlet, has won more than local fame by his skill in fashioning flowers from metal by means of the tools of his trade. He has an American rival, however, in the person of James Cran, a blacksmith whose smithy is in Plainfield, N. J.

"It is interesting to watch this smith make a rose," says a writer in the New York Sun. "He first fashions the core, and then forges the smaller petals, hammering the ends out flat. Next, he takes a contrivance shaped like a screw-driver and opens the outer petals first. . . . After hollowing out the petals, he grasps the iron rosebud in a pair of tongs, thrusts it into the fire, and heats the stems of the petals. He takes it out of the fire, and hammers the stems into a solid mass.

"He forms the larger petals in the same manner, and having thus made the complete rose, he grasps it with larger tongs, heats and hammers it again, and finally puts the red-hot, glowing mass in a vise.

"All the different parts of the flower he forges separately. He makes the veins, or radical ribs of the leaves, with the peen of the hammer. The same tool, when it is slightly tilted, and its blows directed to the outside of the leaf, makes the serrated edges of the leaves. He first holds the piece from which the leaf is made in the tongs and heats and flattens it on the anvil. He forms the center rib in the leaf by letting that part lap over the edge of the anvil while he flattens the rest of the leaf.

"Mr. Cran works entirely from memory, and uses no model. His skill in metal working is said to be greater than that of Van Boeckel himself."

## HUMORS OF THE CHINESE WAR

### Foreigners Got Much Amusement Out of Doings of the Very Serious Native Soldiers.

Humor, of a grim sort, of course, abounded in the revolution which established a republic in China. Frederick McCormick, in "The Flowery Republic," tells of the formation of a corps in the north who gloried in the title, "Dare to Die." The rebels in Canton were not satisfied to adopt this term from their brothers, and delighting in the superlative and extreme, called themselves the "Determined to Die." The first were merely willing martyrs, but the Cantonese were desperate for death. A foreign wag dubbed them the "Much Wanchee Dies."

"Among the various military organizations that sprung up in Canton," says Mr. McCormick, "was a company of bomb throwers called the 'Bomb Pioneers.' Their uniform was a light blue foreign knitted underwear that fitted them as their own skins. They wore brown knitted socks supported by American garters. Over the underwear they wore shoulder braces from which were stretched across the breast white bands bearing the name of their organization. Their leaders wore blouses and caps and carried swords. In parades they sometimes carried arms full of bombs and were in danger of blowing whole streets to atoms. In public meetings on two occasions there were accidents in which numbers of people were killed and wounded."

### Sea Monsters.

That "thresher shark" of fabulous dimensions just caught on the south coast of England is fast becoming a formidable rival of the sea serpent and the big gooseberry. He is fairly common during summer around Cornwall, where he does great damage to pilchard and mackerel nets, in which he completely finds himself, like a caterpillar in his chrysalis. The thresher shark is also called the sea fox, from the remarkable tail, which he uses to frighten shoals of fish, and so make them more easily caught. There are sailors' yarns that this whiplike tail is sometimes used for flogging whales to death. But the real persecutor of the whale is the gladiator dolphin or sword grampus (Delphinus gladiator), a very carnivorous fellow, who kills and eats whales, seals and even his brother porpoises.

### Shakespeare in California.

The Los Angeles board of education, acting upon the advice of School Superintendent Francis, has excluded "The Merchant of Venice" from the schools. "I do not believe," says Francis, "that 'The Merchant of Venice' correctly portrays the character of the Jew. There are many fine traits of Jewish character that are not brought out in Shakespeare's play." Why not exclude all of Shakespeare's plays? "Hamlet," for example, which the Francis type of mind would naturally consider as suggesting that all Danes are morbidly semi-insane; "Macbeth," which Mr. Francis might presume to imply that all Scotchmen are murderers.—Sacramento Union.

### Solomon Generous as Well as Wise.

A family traveling in a covered wagon through Solomon the other day had an opportunity to learn what kind of people live in that town. A horse belonging to the travelers dropped dead in its harness on the main street of the town. The family was poor and had no money to buy another horse, so the Solomon folks took up a collection, bought a horse, gave it to the strangers and sent them on their way within a few hours.—Kansas City Star.

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## WRITERS' DEBT TO THE BIBLE

### Great Litterateurs Acknowledge the Immense Help Given Them by Study of Its Phrases.

The book to which English literature is most indebted is, of course, the Bible, and the extent of that indebtedness will be at least partly realized by readers of Prof. William Gilmer Perry's article on the subject in the North American Review.

Amusing is the story he tells to illustrate Macaulay's early employment of scripture phrase, which all the world knows the great historian and essayist later used so often and to such excellent effect.

Finding one day that the maid had disarranged the pebbles marking off his little garden, the boy Macaulay exclaimed: "Cursed be Sally! For it is written, 'Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark.'"

Significant is the fondness with which the English-speaking world clings to the phraseology of the King James version of the Bible and refuses to accept any later and, philologically, more correct rendering.

Mrs. Barr, in her recently published autobiography, takes pleasure in fortifying her own preference for the old version by relating her conversation with one of the authors of the "revised version" who always carried a new testament in his pocket and declared his attachment to the little volume which, on examination, proved not to be the translation in which he had himself collaborated, but the much older and less scholarly one that it was designed to supersede.

### Alas.

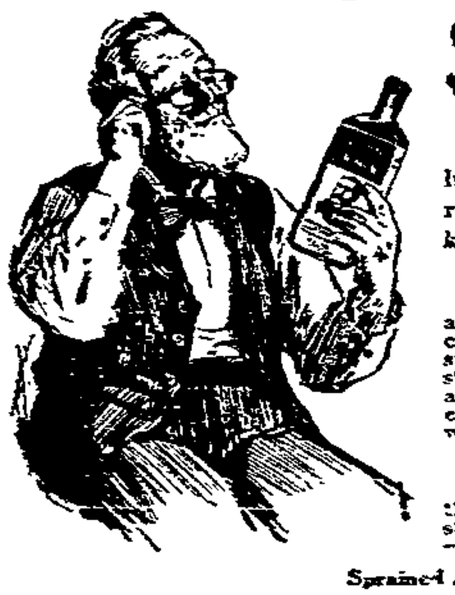
Ethel—"After you refused Jack, did he propose again?" Maud—"Yes, but it was to another girl."

### Rather Well Put.

Dr. E. E. Higley of Denver remarks: "A lie is a serpent in the garden of speech."

Lumbago-Sciatica

Sprains



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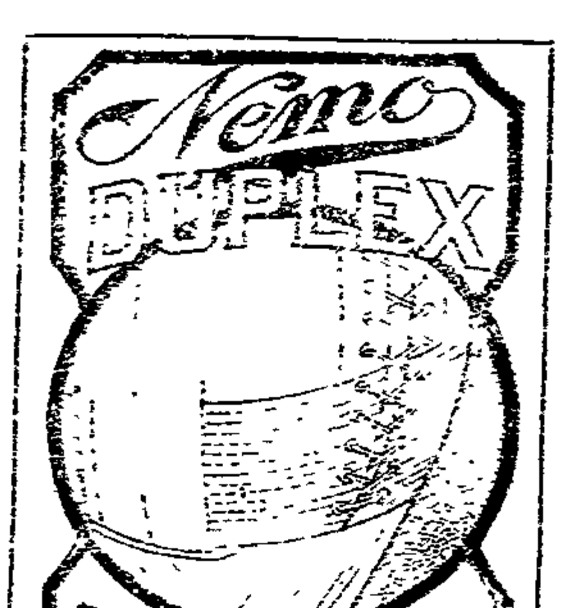

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# BASKETBALL SEASON TO OPEN SOON

Charleroi high school's basketball team will not play at Monongahela on January 23, as has been announced, but on that date will play Shadyside Academy at Charleroi, the contract for the game having been signed. The Monongahela game will be played on a later date. Coach W. L. Lorimer is training his team in readiness for the hard season about to begin. It is anticipated that the Shadyside game will be one of the hardest on the local schedule.

John Gaut, the center, was elected captain this week of the high school team. The first game is to be played on Saturday night of this week when the Carnegie Tech Industrials will be here. The second high school team and the Fayette City Juniors will play the preliminary.

Action may be taken by high school authorities it is stated to stop the impersonation of the high school team as alleged, by other teams of the community.

# SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Kerfoot W. Daly spent Wednesday in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of Hammond, O., are visiting with Mrs. Jacob Hormell.

Miss Adeline Fau has returned to St. Joseph's Academy at Greensburg after visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fau.

Eddie Marmor of Urichsville, O., is visiting friends in Charleroi.

Mrs. William Mouch of Philadelphia is visiting at the home of Mrs. Jane Stroud of Prospect avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milliken and daughter Gaynell visited in Brownsville Wednesday.

W. B. Pfleghardt was a caller in Pittsburg Wednesday.

Edgar Edwards of Monessen visited in Charleroi Tuesday.

C. R. Perigrine was a business caller in Pittsburg.

Thomas Morgan visited in Roscoe Monday.

R. Mackay Jimeson has returned to school at Mercersburg Academy after visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jamison of Lincoln avenue.

Mrs. W. H. Coles was a Pittsburg visitor Wednesday.

J. F. Moss has returned to his home in Ravenswood, W. Va., after visiting with his son, William Moss of Washington avenue.

T. D. Williamson went to Point Marion today to attend the funeral of an aunt.

S. T. Chester has gone to Joplin, Mo., to visit his brother J. A. Chester.

Miss Edna McMasters has returned to her home at Bethany after visiting with Miss Mary Chester of Crest avenue.

Mrs. Donna M. Day and her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Miller, former residents of Charleroi, are in town visiting Mrs. Day's son and Mrs. Miller's brother, Arthur W. Day of the Hotel Arthur. They are on their way from Detroit to Philadelphia where Mr. Miller is now located.

B. R. Clawson of New York city was a visitor in Charleroi Wednesday a brief time, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reeves and Mrs. E. M. Chalfant.

## RAILROAD WILL GIVE BOOKLETS TO FARMERS

As a part of its campaign to improve agricultural methods the Pennsylvania Railroad is to distribute among the farmers along its lines, 10,000 copies of a book describing the possible uses of concrete on the farm. The distribution of these books will be made through the office of the Railroad's agriculturist.

### Deed Recorded.

Oct. 23, 1913—Simon Blishak, of Donora to John Ochkai of Charleroi, lot in McMahan addition, Charleroi on Meadow avenue, 22x102 feet; consideration $1.

Dec 27, 1913—Louis Vortrain, et ux., of North Charleroi, to Paul Chaveriat, et ux., of the same borough, lot on Conrad avenue North Charleroi 30 x110 feet; consideration $325.

Nov. 6, 1913—George W. Dawson et ux., Charleroi, to Robert Bryan, lot in Vesta Heights, East Bethlehem township; consideration $1.

Nov. 29, 1913—David M. McCloskey, of Charleroi, to Laudemia Battaglini of Dunlevy, lot fronting 35 feet on Wharf street, Dunlevy; consideration $1.

### Auto Damaged in Collision.

When the auto of F. D. Bumbaugh of Monessen collided with the machine of D. G. Callahan on Lincoln avenue extension Monday night, the Callahan machine was badly damaged. It is stated Callahan's machine was standing still on a road, and that the driver of the Bumbaugh machine tried to pass a buggy on one side and the Callahan car 150 feet farther ahead on the other side.

### Former Citizen in Town

S. A. Walton of Doylestown is in Charleroi and will remain for a few days looking after business interests. Mr. Walton is an official and director of the First National Bank, and is here to take part in the housewarming Thursday night, previous to the removal of the institution into its new quarters and to attend the annual meeting.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT LUTHERAN CHURCH

The annual congregational meeting of the Lutheran church will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The election of church officers and other business pertaining to the congregation will be taken up at this meeting. The members of the church are requested to be present.

### School Board Pays Bills.

At their first meeting of January held Tuesday evening the school board paid a number of bills and transacted their regular routine of business.

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That is why we are using this space to call attention to our Job Printing department. We are glad to show samples and quote prices, and perhaps we can offer suggestions that will be valuable to you. If you are undecided on some point ask us to help you out. We may be able to give you just what you want.

You have read this advertisement. If your own advertisement were here others would read it.

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### Feathered Architect.

The hanging nests in the cottonwoods and other trees in the suburbs of Denver, and all the towns in Colorado from the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, to Durango and Grand Junction, in the eastern part of the state, are the work of Bullock of Bullock's oriole.

Bullock's oriole is a wonderful architect and a shrewd builder. Its nest is fastened to the smaller swaying branches or twigs of trees, generally safe from those who would rob or destroy eggs or young. Strings, wood, fiber, horsehair, leaves, wool and soft materials are used in its construction, the rim of the nest being so artfully attached to the limb of the tree that it can withstand almost any gale that blows. This oriole is not averse to stealing string and other material from the nest of the house finches, also linnets and other birds. The nest contains from three to six eggs, and the young orioles are truly the rock-a-by babies in the tree-tops of the bird world.—Rocky Mountain Herald.

### Passing of Father.

Father is going. The patient, kind spirit who made us say our prayers at night and tucked us up in bed will soon be a thing of the past. Even now it is rare to find him anywhere.

We can see him yet—for our childish memory goes over our back almost to the beginning—bending over our cribs and anon in the still (except for our presence) watches of the night heating the milk over the gas stove. And when mother used to come home from the caucus, how father's face would light up when, before turning in, she nodded her approval!

There was nobody in all the world quite like father. No matter what our troubles were, we always found a safe refuge in his sympathetic bosom. How soft was his voice as he read aloud to us at night from Elinor Glyn's fairy stories and other well known classics. And when we tossed on our beds in fever there was no cooling touch like father's

Who will take his place?—Life.

### What It Means.

Did you ever hear the expression, "He'll never set the river afire?" Naturally. Do you know how it started? No? Here is the origin. In olden days grain was sifted by hand in a sieve known as a "temse." When a very energetic man did the sifting he often rubbed the sleeve so violently against the receptacle for the grain as to set fire to the wooden hoop of the temse. It used to be said of a lazy man: "He'll never set the temse afire." People hearing this supposed that word "temse" was the "Thames," and, believing the expression referred to the river Thames they gradually changed the word "temse" to "river." You have heard the phrase "not worth a tinker's dam." That isn't profanity. A tinker's "dam" was the little mound of pressed bread or dough that tinkers used to put around a hole or joint they were mending. When the work was over the bits of bread were useless. They were worth nothing. Hence, a useless thing was said to be "not worth a tinker's dam."

### To Exchange Speakers.

Mrs. Alex. Tweedie of London and Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, were at a luncheon in Chicago last week and agreed that it would be good for both countries if an exchange of speakers could be made. The taking of the first step was left to the Chicago Woman's club at the suggestion of Mrs. Pennybacker.

## CALLS NEW YORK SAD CITY

London Writer Compares American Metropolis to Paris, to Disadvantage of the Former.

I did not think there are anywhere gayer people than the Americans. Why, then, is New York so oppressively sad? Because nothing in it means happy laziness or invites it. Perhaps if there were seats in the avenues and the minor parks were not so like flower pots, and there were a few cafe terraces in Fifth avenue, with people drinking there—without being always at the moment of saying the life-poisoning phrase "downtown"—New York would look as cheerful as its inhabitants are bright.

Now, it is a fact that Paris has a happy appearance of its own, which it owes to its situation as much as to the work of ages, and would remain as inviting if all the Parisians were suddenly replaced by as many Chinamen. The river—the dear old familiar serviceable and yet elegant Seine, with its quays, bridges and trees—the skies you see over the Tuileries and never seem to see anywhere else; the houses on the quays, with the Pont-Neuf and Notre Dame in the background which Turner painted in full consciousness of the joy emanating from them, the numberless vistas which show you such objects as the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Pantheon or at present the Sacre Coeur on the Montmartre hill, all these things have the balance and detained beauty which slacken the pace of life and tend at once to make it worth living.

What else do you ask of a town? Never expect the stones to laugh.—London Saturday Review.

## FLOWER GOD GRANTED WINGS

Humming Bird Has Well Been Called the Gem of the Feathered Creation.

Our continent has a monopoly of humming birds, the gems of the feathered creation. Of these there are said to be as many as 400 species, most of which confine themselves to the tropical regions

Only eighteen varieties live further [illegible] than Mexico. It is generally thought that humming birds live upon honey. This, however, is a mistake. They do devour some honey, it is true, but most of their food consists of the small insects which inhabit certain flowers.

The little bird is therefore useful as well as beautiful and has been called a flower to which God has granted wings.

Humming birds are so small that when they are captured for commercial purposes it is impossible to use even smallest shot for fear of injuring their skins. They are therefore stunned with a drop of water from a blow gun or syringe and fall into a net, when they are quickly poisoned.

Humming birds vary in size from those half as large as a sparrow to those about the size of a bee. Their flight is so swift that they can be well seen only when poised on a flower. The little creatures bid fair to be exterminated on account of the senseless and cruel fashion of using them as trimming for women's hats.—From the Ave Maria

### Nature's Hints to Inventors.

The view has been advanced in more than one quarter that during the next two or three centuries invention will probably be in the direction of imitating the wonderful economy and the simple, direct methods of nature

An instance in point is the electric eel. Its electric organ is in no sense a storage battery, but a contrivance by which electric energy is liberated at the moment when it is required. At rest the organ shows so small an electric force that a good galvanometer is needed to detect it, but a sudden nervous impulse from the eel's spinal cord raises a potential of many volts with very little heat and so small an expenditure of matter as to defy the most expert chemist to weigh it. Fireflies, glow-worms and many deep-sea fishes produce light without heat at a cost which would make a match an extravagant outlay.—Harper's Weekly.

### Memory of Bacon.

Mr. Balfour recently unveiled the statue of Bacon which the Benchers have erected in Gray's Inn. In the fashioning of Gray's Inn Gardens Bacon played a considerable part. The records of the Inn show that in 1597 it was ordered that "the summe of £7 15s. 4d. due to Mr Bacon for planting of trees in the walkes be paid next terme."

There is evidence that Raleigh just before his last voyage to America had a long conversation with Bacon in the "walks." On the northwest side of the garden there is a catalpa tree which is believed to have been planted by Bacon. "It is," says the historian of the inn, "one of the oldest in England, and may well have been brought from its native soil by Raleigh."

### Heat in the High Atmosphere.

Forty sounding balloons carrying registration apparatus, sent up by the Royal Meteorological Society of England, reached different heights. The mean altitude attained was 16,411 meters, the maximum 23,010 meters. At a certain altitude the temperature increased instead of decreasing. This could not have been due to solar radiations because the maximum height was reached after sunset.—Harper's Weekly.

## NAPOLEON III. IN AMERICA

Real Louis Was Not as Dilapidated as He Has Been Pictured by Mark Twain.

Probably no written portrait of the third Napoleon is better known to Americans than that embodied in the rhetorical apostrophe of Mark Twain in "The Innocents Abroad," where he contrasts the emperor of the French and the sultan of Turkey at their meeting in Paris in 1867. It was thought very fine and stirring at the time, but it is a picture to provoke curiosity and amusement today. Mark Twain described how the future emperor carried his dreams with him into exile, how he associated with the common herd in America, and ran foot races for a wager, how he walked his weary beat, a common policeman of London. That he carried his dreams into exile, that his belief in his star never wavered, is unquestionably true.

But it is not quite so romantic a figure, not such a dilapidated a Louis Napoleon, that we see in the accounts of more careful historians than Mark Twain. For example, there is "Intimate Memoirs of Napoleon III," by the late Baron d'Ambes. D'Ambes was not with Louis Napoleon in America, but it was from the prince's own lips that he claimed he received the impressions of that visit. Louis Napoleon came to Norfolk, Va., from Rio de Janeiro on the frigate Andromede. The commander, Henri de Villeneuve, was very kind to the exile, and the prince thanked him with the words "You are obliging a man who will one day be emperor of the French, unfortunate as he may appear at present. I shall not forget you." The Andromede arrived at Norfolk March 30, 1837. The prince proceeded straight to New York and dined at Gen. Watson Webb's, where he found General Scott, his two brothers-in-law, the Stewarts, and a number of senators and statesmen.

## MERELY A VARIETY OF GUM

Nothing Wonderful About the Production of Frankincense to Those Who Deal In It.

Frankincense is a variety of gum that frequently forms a component of incense, but the term is not met with in commerce, to which incense means a gum that exudes from a tree flourishing in considerable quantities in British Somaliland and elsewhere. There is an inferior gum of this kind that grows in India and other countries of the east.

The incense tree seldom attains a height exceeding 15 feet. It presents a thorny and unsightly growth and thrives in desert regions. Dealers grade incense according to color—bright yellow, medium and dark yellow. The chief market for it seems to be Aden, whence it is taken by Somalis during the winter months.—Harper's Weekly.

### Made First Lightning Rod.

Nearly everybody believes that Benjamin Franklin was the inventor and constructor of the first lightning rod. In this particular they are mistaken, as the first lightning catcher was invented by a poor monk of Bohemia, who put up the first lightning rod on the palace of the curator of Predits, Moravia, June 15, 1754. The apparatus was composed of a pole surmounted by an iron rod, supporting 12 curved branches and terminating in as many metallic boxes filled with iron ore. The entire system of wires was united to the earth by a large chain. The enemies of the inventor, jealous of his success excited the peasants of the locality against him and under the pretext that his lightning rod was the cause of the excessive dry weather had the rod taken down and the inventor imprisoned.

### Value of Travel.

Goethe says that no man has a right to write until he has traveled and lived. Certainly no one has a right to think he knows what life offers or what earth can give until he travels

Travel does more toward letting us go free of our human limitations than anything else in life. It frees us by giving us large views, a wide sense of opportunity, a fuller comprehension of the lavish hand which has strewn beauty over the earth.

Above all, travel numbs grief because it lifts us from the personal into the universal life, the life triumphant, whatever be the fate of the fragment called one's self.—Harper's Bazar

### Two Systems Compared.

A government, says a writer in the Twentieth Century Magazine, which tells you how to carry your umbrella, which forbids ladies who wear long hatpins to enter railway trains, which fines you if you throw cigar stubs or papers on the street, which does not permit your children to make a noise so that others are disturbed—such a government does restrict individual liberty, but just as certainly it enlarges the common liberties and pleasure of everybody. The government thus eulogized is that of Germany, which the writer quoted prefers to our "go-as-you-please" system.

### Opposites.

The dapper little ribbon clerk gazed languishingly into the dark eyes of the handsome brunette waitress.

"Isn't it wonderful," he gurgled, "how opposites seem to be attracted to each other?"

"It sure is," agreed the beauty. "I noticed only today that the tallest man at the lunch-counter ordered shortcake."—Lippincott's.